

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Friday, February 23, 2007, 12:00 pm
Texas Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room S-402
Austin, Texas 78754
(512) 834-6628
MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Matthew Lyon, Chair
Patricia Brannon
Rosario Brusniak
Richard Caldwell
Vickie Dionne
Kerry Ormson
Sonya Salinas
Minnette Son, M.D.

DSHS Staff Present:

Joyce Parsons
David Richards
Stephen Mills
Stewart Myrick

Guests:

Mark Doshier
Sheacy Thompson
Larry Higdon

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 12:01 pm by Mr. Lyon, Chair.

Agenda Item 3 was the discussion and possible action concerning the approval of minutes from the October 27, 2006 board meeting. Dr. Ormson made a motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 2 was public comment. Sheacy Thompson, from the office of State Representative Ken Paxton, presented Mark Doshier, a constituent from McKinney, Texas. Mr. Doshier spoke about his wishes concerning possible initial and continuing education requirements regarding implantable hearing solutions.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion and possible action regarding petition for amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code, §741.61(b)(1)(C), §741.81(b)(1)(B), and §741.162(c), relating to initial and continuing education in the area of implantable hearing solutions. The board discussed the details of the petition with Mr. Doshier. Dr. Ormson made a motion to deny the petition. The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. The motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 4 was the discussion and possible action concerning the following committee reports:

Dr. Son gave the Complaints Committee report. She reported that the committee heard eight complaints. Two complaints were closed as no violation, two complaints were closed with an informational letter, two complaints were closed with an advisory letter, an administrative penalty and warning letter were proposed for one complaint, and one complaint was referred for further investigation. Dr. Son made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Brusniak gave the Speech-Language Pathology Scope of Practice Committee report. The committee discussed a petition for rule change. The committee reviewed plans for the upcoming convention of the Texas Speech Language Hearing Association, including updating position statements and frequently asked questions. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Ormson gave the Audiology Scope of Practice Committee report. He reported that the committee discussed a petition for rule change. Also, the committee discussed updating the frequently asked questions on the board website, the role and status of fourth-year Au.D students, and the issue of the sale of hearing aids over the internet. Dr. Son made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Caldwell gave the Rules Committee report. The committee reviewed a petition for rule change and proposed rule changes. Dr. Dionne made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Larry Higdon, from the Texas Speech Language Hearing Association, reported on legislative activity connected to the board.

The board recessed at 1:11 pm. The board reconvened at 1:22 pm.

Agenda Item 5 was the report of activity from the following board designees.

Dr. Ormson gave the continuing education report. He approved one request, denied one request, and is awaiting more information on one request. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to ratify Dr. Ormson's actions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Brusniak gave the supervision report. She reported that she has received and reviewed twenty-eight requests for exemptions/alternative supervision. Dr. Dionne made a motion to ratify Ms. Brusniak's actions. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to board rules at 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 741, relating to the licensure of speech-language pathologists and audiologists. Mr. Lyon gave an overview of the proposed changes, and discussion ensued. Dr. Son made a motion to accept the proposed rule changes as edited. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 10 was the management report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, Department of State Health Services. Mr. Mills reported on pending legislation and the Sunset Advisory Commission review.

Agenda Item 9 was the executive director's report. Ms. Parsons reported on the licensee count, the walk-in process, and future meeting dates.

Agenda Item 8 was the presiding officer's report. Mr. Lyon reported on plans for the presentation at the Texas Speech Language Hearing Association convention, training opportunities, board assignments, and the Legislative Appropriations Request.

Agenda Item 11 was the election of officers. Dr. Ormson nominated Mr. Lyon as chair. The nomination was seconded and passed unanimously. Dr. Son nominated Ms. Brusniak as vice-chair. The nomination was seconded and passed unanimously. Dr. Dionne nominated Dr. Ormson as secretary/treasurer. The nomination was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 12 was items for future consideration. Dr. Son discussed the work of the Ad-Hoc Examinations Committee. Mr. Caldwell asked to place an item on the agenda for the next board meeting concerning the board's role in educating licensees on current developments in the field.

Agenda Item 13 was announcements and comments not requiring board action. There were none.

Agenda Item 14 was the adjournment of the meeting. Dr. Ormson made a motion to adjourn at 3:31 pm. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Matthew Lyon, Chair

Joyce Parsons, Executive Director

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